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11/02/2011 Minutes

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
11-2-11

Present: Joey Glushko, David White, Ann LeRoyer, Elizabeth Karpati, Jane Auger

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Minutes of 10/5/11 meeting were accepted with corrections.

Town Planning Department Grant Status: The application to MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council) for grant to develop a Master Plan was not funded. The Town may reconsider resubmitting.

Survey: A town-wide Master Plan survey will go out with the annual census in January or February 2012. Advance notice will be placed in the Arlington Advocate and circulated in the Town e-mail blast to encourage participation.

Mill Brook Project: Nothing has been heard yet from the ARB (Arlington Redevelopment Board) regarding a meeting date. The committee reviewed printed maps and corrected legends as needed. The data will be updated, and a corrected PDF file will be sent to members.

Open Space and Recreation Plan: Discussion tabled until future meeting, as current Plan is in place from 2007-2014. Applications for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) should be made to Town Meeting in 2013. The deadline for warrant articles for Town Meeting will be in January 2013.

“Walking the Open Spaces of Arlington”: The 1994 original book authored by Eileen Coleman and Michelle Durocher is being updated. The project will be spearheaded by the Conservation Committee, with input from Ann LeRoyer and David White. The book could be reorganized by neighborhood for ease of use. This book should be included in our Open Space Plan in future.

Miscellaneous Projects Reports:

Busa Farm: Lexington’s Selectmen continue discussions, and are now considering 4-8 affordable housing units on Lowell Street.

Cooke’s Hollow: The zoning amendment to allow cemetery use will be resubmitted at 2012 Town Meeting.

Reservoir Habitat Garden: Bulb planting will take place on 11-3-11. Design of signage and improvement to the kiosk island are planned.

Rain Garden: Spy Pond Rain Garden is doing well. Additional rain gardens may possibly be supported by a grant from the MyRWA (Mystic River Watershed Association), and this will be pursued.

Other Business:

Belmont Uplands: Friends of Alewife Reservation and the Belmont Uplands group are trying to establish a more regional approach in matters like preservation of the Silver Maple forest. The site of the old MDC skating rink, owned by the DCR, is under consideration for development by the Belmont Economic Development Committee.

Symmes: The project is still under negotiation.

EcoFest: Scheduled for Saturday 3/31/12 at Town Hall from 10-2, the theme is "Local Food". Organization of the Fest is headed by Charlotte Milan, chair of Sustainable Arlington. A key-note speaker is being sought.

Great Meadows: Trail brush clearing day will be held on 11-11-11.

December 7 meeting will be held in the first floor conference room.

January – June 2012 meetings will be held in the second floor conference room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Auger